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"(*b*) Yes; they are given holidays with pay, leave with pay, etc.

"(*c*) There has been no avoidable delay in the payments of stipends to students except the normal time required for verification of nativity and other certificates, administrative sanction and passing of bills by the Pay and Accounts Officer. In regard to the supply of materials such as paper, colours, brushes, etc., there has been no delay and the materials are distributed to the students once a year usually during January and February."

Property taxes in Mangalore Municipality

* 1639 *Q.*—SRI K. ISHWARA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any protests or representations direct or through the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards against the increase of property taxes by the Mangalore Municipality; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government on these so far?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—"(*a*) Yes, Sir. Complaints have been received against increases made in property tax assessments in Mangalore Municipality during the quinquennial revision in 1953–54.

"(*b*) The Government have appointed a Special Officer to dispose of the large number of revision petitions received against increase of property tax assessments. They have also asked the Special Officer to follow the various orders of Government issued in respect of taxes on owner-occupied houses. They have further asked the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards to investigate if there has been any default or perfunctoriness on the part of officers in connexion with the quinquennial revision work, and to take disciplinary action against them."

Hostel for Central Polytechnic, Madras

* 1640 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Principal, Central Polytechnic School, Madras, for the construction of a hostel; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The question of constructing a hostel for the students of the Central Polytechnic, Madras, was taken up by Government themselves in the year 1951–52, but the proposal could not be sanctioned for lack of funds.

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"In connexion with the development of the Central Polytechnic as an integral part of the Five-Year Plan for development of Technical Education, the Government of India have offered a loan of 2 lakhs for the construction of a hostel and the proposal is now under consideration."

* 1641 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, I do not want to put this question."

Trade dispute between master weavers and handloom weavers in Kancheepuram

* 1642 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any trade dispute between the silk handloom weavers and the master weavers was settled by the Assistant Labour Commissioner on 15th December 1954 at Kancheepuram ;

(*b*) whether the Assistant Labour Commissioner has sent a report to the Government regarding proposals for the final settlement of the dispute ; and

(*c*) if so, what the proposals are and what action has been taken by the Government on them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The Assistant Commissioner of Labour reported that the parties agreed to have the dispute settled by arbitration. The Government have accordingly permitted the Assistant Commissioner of Labour to act as Arbitrator and give his decision."

Reservation of grazing lands

* 1643 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether lands have been reserved in all villages in the State for the purpose of cattle grazing ; and

(*b*) if not, what steps the Government have taken to reserve lands for grazing purposes in villages where there are no such lands now?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) In most of the villages, land known as 'grazing ground porambokes' have been set apart for the grazing of cattle. Under the existing orders on assignment of lands grazing ground poramboke shall not be assigned unless, without taking into account the land proposed to be assigned, sufficient grazing ground excluding panchayat and reserved forests, is available to serve the needs of cattle at the rate of one acre of pasture per head of cattle. The question however arises in respect of villages where there are no